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The Whitman College chapter of the AAUP vigorously supports the [#ScholarStrike](#) from September 8-9, 2020. We stand with and behind any teaching faculty or staff who choose to stop "business as usual" teaching and administrative duties in national protest of ongoing state-sanctioned violence against Black people, Indigenous people, and People of Color in the United States and globally.

We see this collective action as a practice of our academic freedom that snaps into sharper focus the conditions under which that very freedom has been, and is, possible for some and not for others.

We also understand this event as an exceptional and urgent teaching moment. We encourage all educators at our institution and elsewhere to connect their expertise to the Movement for Black Lives and decolonization efforts worldwide, and to share those connections with their students and the communities they face and/or of which they are a part.

Black Lives Matter.